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1. SUMMARY. MISSION AND SECRETARIAT AGREE ON DESIRABILITY DEVELOPING INFORMAL PROCEDURE BETWEEN U.S. AND OTHER OECD COUNTRIES FOR INFORMATION EXCHANGE SYSTEM ENVISIONED REF (B). HOWEVER, SECRETARIAT NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT ESTABLISHING IN-HOUSE CLEARING OPERATION BASED ON DIRECT CONTACTS WITH U.S. STATE GOVERNMENTS. PROPOSALS OUTLINED IN REF (A) MIGHT BE EXPANDED AS SUGGESTED BELOW IN WAY TO ACHIEVE GOALS DESIRED BY USG AND OECD. ACTION REQUESTED: RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED PARAS 2, 3, AND 4 BELOW. END SUMMARY.

2. INFORMATION EXCHANGE PROPOSALS INCLUDED REF (B) DO NOT CLEARLY SPECIFY NATURE OF INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS TO BE USED AMONG COUNTRIES DIRECTLY OR THROUGH OECD SECRETARIAT. MISSION PLANS TO ASK FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF DECISION IN ANNEX TO REF (B) AT INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEETING DEC 18. IN PARTICULAR, PARA ONE OF DECISION SHOULD NOTE TO WHOM MEMBER COUNTRIES SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION; THAT IS, WHETHER DIRECTLY TO OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES' SUPERVISORY AUTHORITIES OR TO AN OECD-STAFFED INFORMATION UNCLASSIFIED

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WORK, SECRETARIAT BELIEVES DECISION DOES NOT IMPLY ESTABLISHMENT OF CLEARINGHOUSE WITHIN OECD.

3. AS SUGGESTED REF (A) , MISSION HAS CONSULTED SECRETARIAT RE POSSIBILITY INFORMAL EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION BETWEEN INSURANCE AUTHORITIES OF OECD MEMBERS AND U.S. STATE AUTHORITIES. WHILE SECRETARIAT BELIEVES SUCH EXCHANGES SHOULD BE WELCOMED BY OECD MEMBERS, IT SEES NO DIRECT ROLE FOR OECD IN PROCESS DUE TO BUDGETARY, STAFFING AND TREATY REASONS. UNDER OECD CONVENTION, DECISIONS APPLY TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. THUS, INFORMATION EXCHANGE ENVISIONED REF (B) WOULD PRESUMABLY APPLY TO EXCHANGES BETWEEN MEMBER GOVERNMENTS,

AND NOT TO EXCHANGES BETWEEN MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AND U.S. STATE GOVERNMENTS THROUGH OECD. THIS QUESTION MIGHT BE RAISED IN INSURANCE COMMITTEE ON DEC 18, IF DESIRED. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. MISSION SUGGESTS EXPLORATION IDEA THAT NAIC MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO INFORMATION EXCHANGE BY ACTING AS CLEARINGHOUSE IN U.S. FOR INFORMATION REQUESTS FROM MEMBER GOVERNMENT SUPERVISORY AUTHORITIES TO U.S. STATE AUTHORITIES AND VICE VERSA. THIS WOULD PERMIT U.S. TO ADHERE TO SPIRIT OF DRAFT DECISION WITHOUT HAVING SIGNED CONVENTION. USG ALREADY COMMITTED UNDER CMC TO ACT AS INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN OECD MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AND U.S. STATES IN CASES OF COMPLAINTS BY OECD MEMBERS AGAINST U.S. STATES IN CASES OF COMPLAINTS BY OECD MEMBERS AGAINST U.S. STATES. IF NAIC ARRANGEMENT FEASIBLE, MISSION WOULD LIKE TO RAISE POSSIBILITY IN INSURANCE COMMITTEE OF ESTABLISHING THIS TYPE OF INFORMAL ARRANGEMENT CONSISTENT WITH DECISION PROPOSED IN REF (B).

5. AT PRESENT TIME, AND EVEN IN ABSENCE OF INFORMATION EXCHANGE SYSTEM ENVISIONED IN REF (B) , MEMBER GOVERNMENTS CAN PRESUMABLY GO DIRECTLY TO U.S. STATE GOVERNMENT REGULATORY AUTHORITIES FOR INFORMATION, AND STATE AUTHORITIES CAN LIKEWISE GO DIRECTLY TO MEMBER GOVERNMENT SUPERVISORY AUTHORITIES WITH ASSISTANCE OF APPROPRIATE U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN HOST COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, ESTABLISHMENT OF CLEARINGHOUSE FUNCTION IN NAIC MIGHT HELP U.S. AND FOREIGN AUTHORITIES REDUCE NUMBER OF CONTACTS NECESSARY AND MAKE INFORMATION OBTAINED THEREBY MORE GENERALLY AVAILABLE. OECD BLESSING OF VENTURE COULD LEND IT GREATER STATURE AND PERHAPS HELP NAIC AS WELL AS U.S. STATE AUTHORITIES IN THEIR CONTACTS
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WITH FOREIGN SUPERVISORY AUTHORITIES. HOWEVER, IT REMAINS CLEAR THAT USG WOULD NOT BE IN POSITION TO SUPERVISE CONTACTS WITH NAIC OR GUARANTEE VALIDITY OF INFORMATION PROVIDED, AND THEREFORE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO BECOME SIGNATORY TO DECISION IN REF (B).BROWN

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